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In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A opaque, white film with a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , wherein the film comprises a crystallizable thermoplastic, barium sulfate, and at least one optical brightener, wherein the barium sulfate or the optical brightener, or the barium sulfate and the optical brightener have been incorporated directly into the crystallizable thermoplastic or are fed as a masterbatch during film production, and wherein at least one surface of the film bears a functional coating with a thickness of from 5 to 10 nm, wherein the luminous transmittance of the film is reduced when the longitudinal stretch ratio is increased for film of the same thickness.

Please amend claims 8 and 9 as follows:

8. (Once Amended) The film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface gloss of the film, measured to DIN 67530 (measurement angle 20°) is 10, and wherein the luminous transmittance (transparency) of the film, measured to ASTM-D 1003 30%.
9. (Once Amended) The film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film has one or more layers, and the film having more than one layer comprises at least one base layer and at least one outer layer.

REMARKS

The Office Action was dated May 22, 2002. The period for reply is set to expire in 3 months, i.e. August 22, 2002. Accordingly, a one month extension of time is needed to extend the due date to September 22, 2002. Simultaneously filed herewith is an extension of time for one month and the appropriate fees associated therewith.